

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH OCTOBER 12, 2004

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School Committee held a meeting on this date at

7:04 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School Library. Members present were Bill Clay, chairman; Paul McFadden, clerk; Teri Cicero; and Sue DeSack. Connie Lyons, vice chairwoman, arrived at 7:05 p.m. John Toro was absent. Superintendent Roy M. Seitsinger, Jr., Director of Curriculum Philip D. Thornton, Director of Administration Robert V. Ross, Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo, and Student Representative Jaclyn Manchester were also present.

ORDER - Chair Clay called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Member DeSack read the District Mission statement.

OPEN FORUM – Member McFadden moved to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Member DeSack. Voted 5-0.

The following items were approved:

A. MINUTES - Regular and Executive Minutes of September 28, 2004.

B. PERSONNEL ITEMS

1. Appointments

a. Craig Belanger as Assistant Football coach for the 2004-05 school year.

2. Leaves of Absence

a. Request from Carmella Farrar asking an extension of her leave of absence from her High school Special Education Teacher position to August 31, 2005.

3. Resignations

a. Letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Joan King effective August 31, 2004. Superintendent recommended with regret.

C. Bills - In the amount of \$66,191.99

D. Home School Approvals – Kelsey Greene, grade 6; Nicolette Greene, grade 5; Courtney Greene, grade 3, Hannah Greene, grade 2.

End of Consent Agenda

Correspondence – (1) School Committee Presentation Schedule, (2) Memo from Chair Clay and Member Cicero regarding review of Metcalf CORE and Literacy Programs, (3) Member Clay's memo regarding 04-05 Budget Concern. Correspondence (2) and (3) will be place on the next agenda for discussion. (The Metcalf CORE and Literacy Programs memo and 04-5 Budget Concerns memo will be place on the next agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 04-05 Budget Update – Mr. Ross will give a report at the next meeting.

B. Spanish Trip 2004-05 Approval – Member McFadden moved to approve the request for the 2004-05 Spanish Trip. Seconded by Chair Clay. (Vice Chair Lyons arrived at this time.) Voted 5-0-1. Vice Chair Lyons abstained. Superintendent Seitsinger noted continued concern regarding student travel outside the United States and recommended that Policy 8604 regarding student travel be reviewed under New Business.

C. All-day Referendum Committee – Member McFadden withdrew from the All-day Referendum Committee. Members Coutcher and Cicero will continue to serve on that committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. EWG Hockey Club Land Request – Postponed to the next meeting.

PRESENTATION – Student Member Report – Jaclyn Manchester reported that the various clubs are just beginning to get started and

noted that parking is still an issue.

**IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS – School Committee Meeting
October 26, 2004.**

Superintendent Seitsinger announced that unconfirmed population counts show more students from West Greenwich than Exeter for the first time in recent history.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Chair Clay moved to go into Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. in accordance with RIGL 42-46-1 and RIGL 42-46-5 to discuss personnel RIGL 42-46-5(a)1 regarding the Special Education Director's Compensation request and for Collective Bargaining RIGL 42-46-5(a)2 to discuss update of teachers' contract negotiations. Seconded by Vice Chair Lyons. Voted 6-0.

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

A vote was taken to modify the compensation for the Director of Special Education based on additional responsibilities and additional days added to the work year. The vote was 7-0.

OPEN FORUM – Three teachers spoke. One teacher advocated for re-examining a recent school committee vote regarding health

coverage of a retired teacher. Two other teachers spoke on contract negotiations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

JUDITH ALLENSON

CLERK